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FRUITFUL JOURNEYS OF VINOBA BHAVE

Collecting millions of acres of land for needy Indians

A MAN whose name may become as famous as that of Mahatma Gandhi is now walking through India and pleading with landowners to give him a share of their acres for the use of landless peasants.

His name is Shri Vinoba Bhave, and as a young man he was taught by Gandhi that he should live simply—weaving his own cloth, growing his own food, and serving the poor.

Each year many thousands of Gandhi's followers in India meet at a Sammelan—a "coming together." Two years ago Vinoba Bhave set off on foot to attend such a meeting, and walked for a month, although he could have gone by train over-night.

Every day he walked a few miles, meeting the wealthy landowners and begging them to pay their workers in goods instead of in money—in such things as grain, cotton, and cloth.

FIRST GIFT

He saw once again the misery of the poorest people, who had no land of their own to till.

A group of them came to see him, and he at once asked their fellow villagers to give them land. To his surprise they did.

This fired him with the idea of asking for land wherever he went. He asked for acres, and in two months he got 12,000 for the landless peasants.

"If you have four sons and a fifth is born," he says to the landowners of India, "you will certainly give him his share. Treat me as your fifth son and give me my share. Give for the sake of the poor and needy."

IDEA SPREADS

In a two-months' tramp to Delhi, to see Mr. Nehru, he collected 18,000 acres, and the idea began to spread to other parts of India.

In the Uttar Pradesh area Vinoba Bhave's aim is to settle at least one landless family in every village. At the rate of five acres in 100,000 villages this means asking for half a million acres.

In two years he has walked 6500 miles and distributed a million acres; Vinoba Bhave's followers have undertaken to collect 2½ million acres in the next two years all over India.

Vinoba Bhave believes that if one acre in every six of India's cultivated land—50 million acres—could be transferred to the landless peasants it would save India from the perils of Communism.

He says that he wants to do three things for India: to change people's hearts, by asking landlords to give freely; to change people's lives, so that the poorest

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PIED PIPER OF TELEVISION

When Frances Horwich of Chicago goes for a walk she is usually followed, like the Pied Piper, by a crowd of laughing, chattering children.

Hers is a familiar face to Chicago children, for they see her regularly on their television screen at school in a programme called The Ding Dong School.

Miss Horwich teaches tiny children to count by bringing before the cameras a mother duck and her ducklings. She teaches art by clay modelling lessons in which the children follow her instructions from the screen.

Frances Horwich's Ding Dong School is only one of 500 different T V school programmes which are sent out in America. Over 600 colleges and over 100 local systems of schools are now using T V lessons in the classroom.

TREE THAT KILLS LITTLE BIRDS

A big estate at Auckland in New Zealand is to be cleared of a tree that kills small birds in large numbers.

This is the Pisonia tree, which produces seed pods like slender gluey fingers on which small birds of the fantail species stick fast and are unable to escape. Large birds can get away—carrying with them the pods which they eventually drop in the forests.

These "killer trees," as they are also called, have been exterminating the fragile fantail birds.

GETTING RID OF THE CLICK CLICK

Hull is unique in this country in possessing its own telephone system; moreover, the system has a ringing-tone different from the one with which most of us are familiar.

The ringing-tone is a "click, click," instead of "burr, burr," and as this has caused confusion to operators in other towns, Hull has agreed to switch over to the G P O tone.

The transposition will cost £1500 and take a year to complete.

Boadicea rides again

This week the city of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, is holding a pageant on the site of the Roman city of Verulamium. Here is Boadicea, Queen of the Iceni, who led her warriors into battle against the Romans in A.D. 61.

SCHOOL'S OWN FILM

For the past few years, pupils of Fairmuir Special School, Dundee, have been acting as unpaid film stars and "extras."

The film, depicting a day in the life of the schoolchildren, has now been shown to their parents and teachers on a 16 mm. projector.

The headmaster and a local jute merchant produced the film between them. They pictured the activities of the school from the children's arrival in the morning to their departure at 4 p.m.

WATCHING WINKLES

London University scientists are keeping observation on the winkles at Whitstable to discover how far and how fast they move.

SHOES THAT SHOW THE FIT

When you buy shoes in future the salesman in the shop may offer you a transparent pair to "try on" for size.

Plastic shoes of this type have been made by a British firm in all children's sizes to help in correcting foot faults caused by ill-fitting shoes.

They make it possible to see just how the foot fits into the shoe, and when a satisfactory fitting is found the correct size in leather shoes can be substituted.

It is expected that shoe designers, too, will find this modern version of Cinderella's slipper of great help.

OFTEN AT THE PICTURES

Britons go to the cinema more often than any other people—on an average 28 times a year.

Even in the United States, where more films are produced than in any other country, the average is only 23 times a year.

These figures are revealed in a survey published by Unesco.

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PROBLEMS AHEAD FOR ITALY'S LEADERS

C N Diplomatic Correspondent

ITALY'S recently-elected Parliament, meeting this week for the first time, is faced with a most provoking situation. Signor de Gasperi, Italy's leader during the past seven years, has been confronted with the very state of affairs he had carefully planned to avoid.

The new electoral laws Signor de Gasperi himself supervised before his country went to the polls were designed to ensure a clear majority of seats for the winning party.

Italy, already a model of constitutional steadiness, was to have an even safer way of ensuring that the party returned to office would have a majority bestowing sufficient power for all the tasks of government. Under the new law there would be no series of government crises such as occur so often in France.

NARROW MAJORITY

The outcome filled Signor de Gasperi's Christian Democrat Party with consternation. Their coalition of Centre parties won by a narrow majority, but their combined poll has, so far, left them short of the total which would enable them to claim two-thirds of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies under the new law.

There are still over a million votes—cast during the election but claimed to be invalid—on which judgment must be passed. This will take some time, and Signor de Gasperi's Centre Coalition will not necessarily profit by the result.

The extremist parties to the Right and the Left are jubilant; Monarchists, Communists, Neo-Fascists—each group regard the situation as a golden opportunity for their own advancement.

THE CHALLENGE

Restless political manoeuvres in Italy may result. But her friends hope she will meet the challenge and solve her Parliamentary problems without damage. Failure to do so would mean a period of grave weakness and uncertainty, with the extremists gaining ground rapidly in the ensuing discontent.

Excitement regarded as normal in the French Parliament has been almost unknown in post-war Italy's Chamber of Deputies in Rome. Yet her M.P.s have shown on one or two rare occasions that they can more than equal the ardour of the French when strongly-held convictions are at stake.

FREE FIGHTS

Debates turned into free fights during the passage of the electoral Bill which has resulted in the present situation. Shouting M.P.s even threw furniture. This all reflects political tension which most Italians are now anxious to avoid.

It is pointed out that the Government in Britain has been able to control policy quite easily with a small majority. Why should not the Christian Democrats and their allies do the same?

The main difficulty is that the extremist parties in opposition would prefer to undermine and obstruct Parliament. They see *this as the best way of gaining* control themselves and changing *entirely the present democratic* methods of rule.

Both the totalitarian groups, the Neo-Fascists and the Communists, would hail with delight a Parliament halted by a stalemate situation allowing no satisfactory government.

However these challenges are met, they are bound to have a strong effect on Italy's relations with the rest of the world. It may not be easy, for instance, to get the approval of the present Italian Parliament for the country's participation in the European Defence Community.

A stable government, therefore, is a matter of vital importance, not only to Italy, but to her friends throughout the free world.

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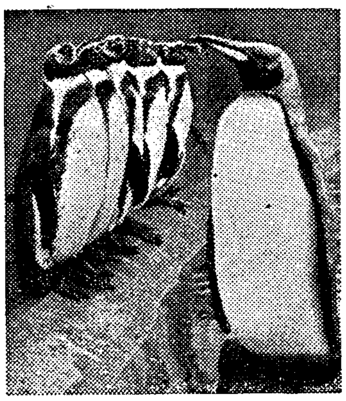

New arrivals at the London Zoo are six Humboldt penguins from South America. Here they seem to be standing to attention during inspection by a King Penguin

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OUR PREFAB INDUSTRY

Britain is the world's biggest exporter of prefabricated buildings. In 1952 prefab houses were sent to more than 50 countries.

The growth of this industry is reflected in these figures: in 1949 prefabricated houses earned £80,000; in 1952 the sum was £7,000,000.

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Vinoba Bhave

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have a chance for a better life; and to change the social structure of India, so that there is a fairer distribution of wealth.

Every acre that is given is legally registered, the whole village helping to choose those who are to be given the land.

For Vinoba Bhave the land is a precious link with all the simplicities of life which he believes modern life is forsaking. He believes, too, that while governments and committees talk about changes connected with land-owning, his method helps to bring about changes quickly.

If his aim of re-distributing 50 million acres of land in India is achieved, Vinoba may well become the saviour of his country.

Report from Parliament

By the C N Press Gallery Correspondent

"I AM only partially a lawyer," said a Minister the other day. As might be expected, he was having a little argument with some M.P.s who are *wholly* lawyers.

This column has always found lawyer-M.P.s most helpful. In a sense they are the backbone of a deliberative assembly which has to deal with, and even create, legal technicalities nearly every day of its life.

Only a moderate proportion of our M.P.s are lawyers, unlike some other popular chambers which boast as many as 80 lawyers out of every 100 members.

In this country we prefer to have in Parliament as wide a cross-section of our community life as possible. It all makes for variety, and it is noteworthy that our debates are very free from Latin legal tags, though *ipse dixit* and our old friend *ad hoc* enjoy a vogue from time to time.

USUALLY when an M.P. is speaking and another M.P. wishes to pass him, we can observe the second M.P. as he moves out bend down and walk for a little distance with a peculiar crouching gait.

This is common form. It often happens when a speaker on the Opposition side is replying to, or criticising, some statement made by a Minister—and therefore is more or less addressing the Minister.

In fact, however, the speaker is addressing the Minister *through* Mr. Speaker. And it is the imaginary line between the speaker and Mr. Speaker which must not be broken by someone else passing in between and drawn up to his full height. For that reason, therefore, an M.P. moving across "the line of fire" bends down as he walks.

Sir Winston Churchill made this quite clear recently, adding that the embargo does not apply to the direct "line of fire" between the speaker on one side of the House and a sitting Member on the other.

SO far as Mr. David Gammans, the Assistant Postmaster-General is concerned, television in Wales is television. His "philological limitations," as he calls them, prevent him from describing Welsh television in any other terms.

But in future, it seems from a Parliamentary answer, the Welsh will call their television "teledu."

"THIS is a busy life," Sir Richard Acland has told the Commons, "and we cannot listen to all their Lordships' debates or read all the Hansards of the House of Lords."

That is a pity, for almost every day the peers illuminate our Parliamentary chronicles with sayings witty and wise; for example:

Economy is not a drawing in, but is a full utilisation of every asset.—The Earl of Airlie, quoting an American economist.

News from Everywhere

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

A special Coronation Festival of Children's Music will be given in the Rudolf Steiner Hall in London on July 4. The children's opera Blackbird Pie, folk songs, and sea shanties will be sung by the London Boys' Choir, the Cygnet Group, and the London Children's Opera Group.

With an audience of a million in 7000 British schools, religious services broadcasts are heard by far more children than any other school broadcast.

A helicopter service of eleven flights a day between New York's three airports starts next week.

BRAVE WENDY

Wendy Oates, 14, of Hillsborough, Sheffield, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's certificate for bravery. She dived without hesitation into a nine-feet deep canal at Barnsley and rescued a small boy.

Whalsay Island in the Shetlands is to be supplied with Calor gas instead of electricity because of the great cost of laying cables. If the project is a success it will be extended to other islands.

The first permanent, fully residential training college to be run by a British trade union has been opened at Esher Place, Surrey, by the Electrical Trades Union.

HARD LUCK

Mistaking a spectator's red dress for the finishing post, a crew of oarsmen at Boston, U.S.A., stopped rowing. Their opponents swept past to win.

A tulip with six heads has been grown by Mr. J. W. Broughton, of Retford, Nottinghamshire.

Shetland has received a gift of 3500 trees from Norway. A number of them were planted by Norwegians in national costume.

During 1952 the Ford Foundation made grants of over £13,000,000 to various causes in different parts of the world.

A new lifeboat station at Noordwyk, Holland, has been named after Captain Kurt Carlsen, hero of the Flying Enterprise.

PROUD NAMES

Twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. Neville Stephens in Auckland, New Zealand, have been named Rex Philip and Hillary.

Sheep farmers in Cumberland are to copy the Australian practice of dyeing sheep in different colours for identification on the fells.

The Duke of York's Royal Military School at Dover celebrates its 150th anniversary soon. It was originally the Royal Military Asylum at Chelsea.

"DUNLOP...DUNLOP
...DUNLOP...
DUNLOP...DUNLOP"
...DUNLOP...

It's more than an impression—it's a fact that more motor cyclists than ever ride on

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THANKS TO THE PILGRIM TRUST

Schools feature in the latest annual report of the Pilgrim Trust. One of them is Old Blundell's at Tiverton, Devon, once described by William Morris as "the most perfect example left us of grammar schools of the early 17th century." The Trust has given £2000 for repairs to this fine old building, where members of the school staff now live.

Loretto School, near Edinburgh, has received £4000 for the restoration of a unique painted wooden ceiling in Pinkie House, where Bonnie Prince Charlie is reputed to have slept after the battle of Prestonpans.

A third school to benefit from Pilgrim Trust funds is the preparatory school of Ampleforth College, in Yorkshire's old Gilling Castle. Beautiful armorial glass windows and painted wooden panelling, which had been sold to the late Mr. W. R. Hearst of America, have now been restored to the castle.

Altogether the Pilgrim Trust gave £188,000 last year towards protecting our British heritage, as well as to social welfare schemes, bringing its total grants since 1930 to nearly £2,400,000.

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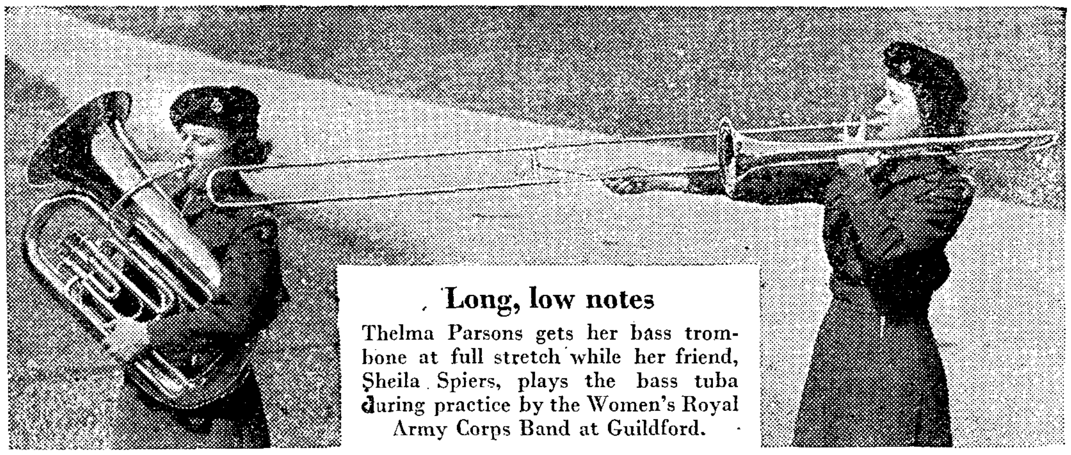
SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP

American wild flowers will blossom in Britain by the hundred-thousand as the result of a Coronation Year gift from the All-American Friendship League.

Ever since early Spring the seeds have been arriving in sacks and countless boxes. They have been distributed by the Women's Voluntary Services and sown on village greens and in churchyards and gardens of schools and cottages.

The flower seeds include Californian poppies and lupins, but vegetable seeds have also been sent.

Some of the Darby and Joan clubs which have received seeds are planning to hold Stars and Stripes Coronation flower shows later this year.



Long, low notes

Thelma Parsons gets her bass trombone at full stretch while her friend, Sheila Spiers, plays the bass tuba during practice by the Women's Royal Army Corps Band at Guildford.

HIAWATHA IN LONDON

Magnificent spectacle will match a musical feast at London's Royal Albert Hall for the next fortnight. Coleridge-Taylor's Hiawatha is to be performed in costume by the London Coronation Choir of about 500, the London Symphony Orchestra, and a full ballet.

The first performance, next Monday evening, will be in aid of The National Playing Fields Association, and there will be 13 more evening performances and two Saturday matinées. The part of Hiawatha is to be played by Gordon Clinton, and Minnehaha by Elsie Morison.

This will be London's first costume production of Hiawatha for 13 years.

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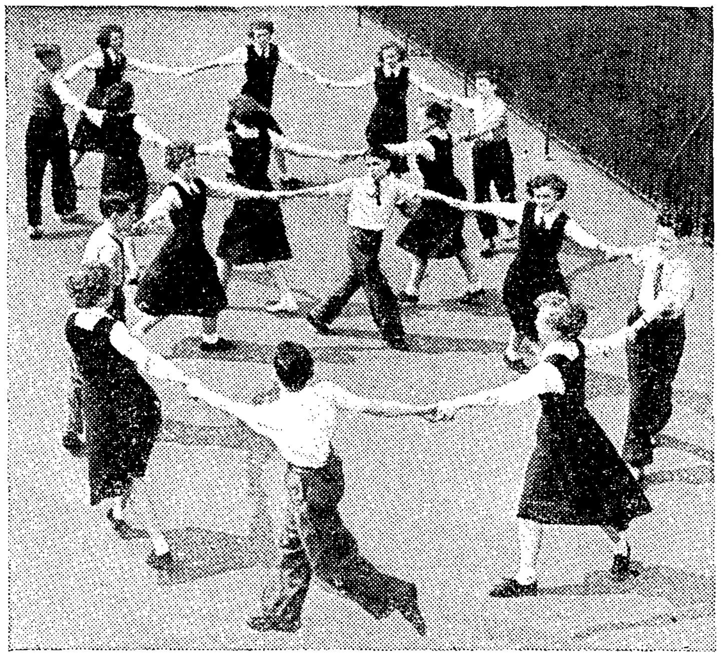
IN AN ARCTIC CAIRN

In 1906 Admiral Peary left some documents in a cairn on Cape Columbia, on the north of Ellesmere Island, 400 miles from the North Pole. Now, 47 years after, they have been found by two Canadian scientists.

They also found a piece of the ensign which three years later Peary hoisted when he became the first man to reach the North Pole.

After making a copy of the records, the men replaced them in the lonely, far-off cairn.



Hand in hand

In the nearer circle are the eight London pupils chosen to represent the Sir John Cass Foundation School in dances at the Coronation concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE NEW LOCOS

British Railways plan to build over 500 diesel-electric shunting locomotives during the next five years; indeed, some of these 50-ton "maids of all work" are already coming from the Derby workshops.

They will have a maximum speed of 20 m.p.h. and enough fuel in the tanks for about 15 days' shunting in the marshalling yards.

These little locomotives, as powerful as some of our express engines, have modern comforts such as a hot-water radiator and an electric food-warmer. They also have a safety device in a "deadman's pedal," which stops the locomotive unless the driver has absolute control.

Train-spotters may be interested to learn of the new numbers for these shunting locomotives—13000 to 13024.

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SHAKESPEARE GARDEN FOR PARIS

Early next month a Shakespeare Memorial Garden will be officially opened in the Bois de Boulogne, Paris.

Many institutions in this country were invited to supply plants to this garden; the Shakespeare birthplace trustees have forwarded hyssop, primrose, rosemary, thyme, lavender, rue, violets, and other flowers mentioned in Shakespeare's plays.

From Stratford has been sent a young mulberry bush grown from a cutting of the famous mulberry tree planted in New Place garden by Shakespeare himself.

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BROTHER BALTIMORE

Baltimore in Ireland was a flourishing port until the deep-freezing of fish on board ship took away the livelihood from many workers in the shore-based fishery industry.

Baltimore, in the United States, was asked to invest 60,000 dollars in a new industry to put the little Irish town on its feet again. The Eire Government has agreed to pay half the cost of the new industry and Big Brother Baltimore across the Atlantic will do the rest.

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BIGGER OIL TANKERS

The 32-500-ton World Enterprise built by Vickers-Armstrong at Walker-on-Tyne is the biggest tanker so far constructed in Britain, but it will soon be surpassed by two 44,000-ton vessels to be built by the same firm at Barrow-in-Furness.

OLD LONDON ON WHEELS

There is a fascinating exhibition at Euston Station called London on Wheels.

The first to be organised by the British Transport Commission's Historical Relics Section, it illustrates 19th-century public travel by a display of models, pictures, and such collectors' items as early railway tickets, handbills, and posters.

A model of London's first horse tram, The People of 1861, is on view, and there are others of horse buses, Thames steamers, early locomotives, and the kind of railway carriages in which our great-grandparents travelled.

The exhibition is open until August 29. Admission for children under 14 is sixpence; for adults, one shilling.

SEVENTEEN LADS GET WET

Seventeen cadets from the Royal Australian Air Force College have made history by canoeing 80 miles down the Goulburn, Victoria's longest river.

They were the first to make this hazardous journey since the famous English explorer, Charles Sturt, discovered and later navigated the river 120 years ago.

The cadets paddled from Alexandra downstream to Seymour as part of an unofficial exercise during their term holidays.

It was a trip full of adventure. Rain fell for four of the five days of the cruise, and several canoeists capsized their craft many times.

One pair, in the canoe which was upset most times, had a further misfortune when their craft became jammed under a log after capsizing. It was freed with an axe by the captain of the craft, who then pushed it for 200 yards through the icy waters to reach the bank.

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BRIGHT SCARLET

For years experts have agreed that chrome yellow shows up more clearly and at greater distances than any other shade, hence the colour of rubber dinghies, air-sea rescue craft, and so on.

But according to the American Navy, chrome yellow is not the best colour for the purpose. Even better visibility is given by bright scarlet, and this colour is to be tried on some U.S. training aircraft this year.

EXCITEMENT and SUSPENSE in the
GREAT NEW TARZAN
THRILLER!
EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS'
TARZAN AND THE SHE-DEVIL
co-starring
LEX BARKER
JOYCE MacKENZIE
Raymond BURR · Monique Van VOOREN
Tom CONWAY
Produced by SOL LESSER Directed by KURT NEUMANN
Screenplay by KARL KAMB and CARROLL YOUNG
RKO RADIO
WATCH FOR IT AT YOUR LOCAL CINEMA

Girl gliders in training

At Lasham Airport, near Alton, Hants., Rika Harwood of Rotterdam prepares to take her craft into the air during training for the British Gliding Championships next month.

GREAT DAYS IN ROYAL EDINBURGH

Thousands of cheering Scots will pack the sides of Edinburgh's ancient Royal Mile, Princes Street, and other famous streets of the city this Wednesday morning, when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh drive in State from Holyroodhouse to a national service in St. Giles's Cathedral.

It will be one of the most impressive processions ever seen in the princely Northern Capital. The Honours of Scotland—Crown, Sceptre, and Sword—are to be solemnly borne in a carriage by Scottish peers in front of the Royal Carriage, while archers of the Royal Company of Archers march alongside.

THE PROCESSION

But first will come massed pipe bands, detachments of the R A F, the Army, Royal Navy, massed military bands, and the Royal Scots Greys; then carriages, banner bearers on horseback, Sovereign's escorts of the Household Cavalry, and the crowning glory of the Queen herself and the Duke, followed by more Household Cavalry and carriages.

At St. Giles's Cathedral the Queen will be received by the Dean of the Order of the Thistle, which has its own chapel there. Within the Cathedral the memorials of Scotland's heroic and turbulent past will look down on the young Queen.

Here John Knox thundered against Mary Queen of Scots. Here, 316 years ago this summer, Jenny Geddes threw her stool at Dean Hannay when he read Laud's service book, and thus, as it has been said, "struck the first blow in the great struggle for freedom of conscience."

After the service the Queen and her procession return to Holyroodhouse by way of the Royal Mile, the direct route from Holyroodhouse to Edinburgh Castle. The procession will pass John Knox's house with its inscription: *Lufe God abufe al and yi nychbour (as) yi self.*

Next comes Canongate, where Scottish nobles built their mansions in days gone by to be near Holyroodhouse. The procession will pass the Canongate Tolbooth and Canongate church, where Adam Smith lies among several other famous sons of Scotia.

So to Holyroodhouse, Scotland's chief royal palace. The name comes from the crucifix, or rood, which St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, held as she was dying in 1093. Her son, David I, founded Holyrood Abbey in 1128.

In 1500 James IV added a royal residence to the Abbey, where Mary Queen of Scots lived for six tempestuous years, and where Charles I was crowned King of Scotland with great state.

James II (VII of Scotland) lived here for 18 months, and Bonnie Prince Charlie gallantly held court here in 1745 for six weeks under the hostile guns of the Castle a mile away.

George IV, who dressed for the occasion in a kilt and silk tights, was the first British monarch to visit Scotland after Charles I. Princes Street was named after him.

PALACE RESTORED

Queen Victoria was specially fond of Edinburgh, and during her reign the Palace of Holyroodhouse, which had suffered from neglect, was put into proper order.

Now Edinburgh again becomes the seat of a reigning monarch and the sight of the Royal Standard above Holyroodhouse will rejoice its loyal citizens.

On Thursday her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Paisley, Hillington, and Glasgow, where they will see a youth display at Hampden Park.

On Saturday there will be another State Drive through Edinburgh and a great display at Murrayfield Rugby Ground. In the evening they will visit the Usher Hall to see a performance of The Masque of Edinburgh, consisting of nine scenes in the long history of the Scottish capital.

On June 28 the Queen and the Duke will attend a service in the Thistle Chapel of St. Giles'. Next day they will tour Lanarkshire, and in the evening will leave Edinburgh for London.

ON THE AIR

By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

Scotland sees the Queen

The Royal State visit to Edinburgh is making this a Scottish week in both sound radio and T V.

The National Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication in St. Giles's Cathedral this Wednesday is being broadcast and televised. On Thursday the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are attending a youth rally of 50,000 boys and girls in Glasgow's Hampden Park, which is being broadcast. Raymond Baxter will give his commentary from a plane in the R A F fly-past.

On Friday the microphones and cameras will be set up in the gardens of Holyroodhouse for the Queen's presentation of new Colours to the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Billy Bunter returns

Billy Bunter and his Greyfriars chums will be back in Children's T V on July 6—for one day only, alas!—in a new adventure specially written by Frank Richards. Billy Bunter will again be played by Gerald Campion.

Televising tennis

If you are a regular watcher of Children's T V, let us hope you like lawn tennis!

Almost every day between now and July 4 the B B C is televising play from the championships at Wimbledon, and Miss Freda Lingstrom, Head of Children's T V, has agreed that when games are unusually interesting, tennis T V shall be allowed to overlap into the children's programme.

New Old Master

Stephen Bundy, T V scene designer, was asked to make a large reproduction of the Last Supper fresco by Andrea del Sarto. It is being shown on June 25 in The Florentine Fresco, another play by C. E. Webber about the great Italian goldsmith, Cellini.

Mr. Bundy solved his problem by using a photographic copy, 20 feet wide, as a base on which to apply the paint.

Squiggles for the deaf

Bill Hooper, who draws the amusing Penguin family now appearing in Children's T V, tells me that his next creation will be the Squiggles family specially for deaf viewers. Conversations will be given in comic-strip style.

T V terms

Television is still setting problems in terminology. The word telefilm, for instance, has just changed its meaning.

Until recently it signified a record of a T V programme filmed off a receiving screen. Now, the B B C tell me, they apply the term only in connection with films made for televising. Recorded T V programmes are henceforth to be known as tele-recordings.

WAIFS AND WAXWORKS AT THE ZOO

By Craven Hill, C N Correspondent at Regent's Park

Among the animal "waifs" which are constantly reaching the Zoo is a 15-inch lizard which came to this country in a Service plane.

This aircraft had just landed at Bovington R A F station after a flight from Africa when mechanics saw the lizard running around in the tail of the aircraft. After a somewhat hectic chase they caught it. The station commander then telephoned to Whipsnade Zoo, and Overseer Philip Bates went in his car to get it.

The lizard has now arrived at Regent's Park, where Mr. Jack Lester, curator of reptiles, has identified it as an Agama lizard, a species found in most parts of Africa.

"The habit of the Agama, when scared, is to run up the nearest tree," Mr. Lester told me. "Probably this one ran up into the aircraft's tail by mistake! Anyway, we are glad to get it. It is in fine condition after its long but unofficial flight, and we are putting it on exhibition right away."

One of the more interesting "waifs" from the countryside has also been sent up from Whipsnade. It is a six-week-old leveret, found by a Bedfordshire farmer.

As the leveret was not wanted at Whipsnade it has been sent to London Zoo sanatorium, where the supervisor, Mr. Alec Wilson, is giving it special attention.

"It is one of the wildest young hares I have ever seen," Mr. Wilson says. "We were hoping to exhibit it in the Children's Zoo, where there are lots of other young animals.

"But it is plain that this leveret cannot yet stand so much publicity. Were it to go there just now I am sure it would injure itself through sheer fright. So we are keeping it in seclusion at the sanatorium, and I am trying gradually to accustom it to human handling.

"Matters are shaping well at present. The baby is feeding well, on carrots and other vegetables, and I have every hope that eventually it will settle down and become tame enough to go to the Children's Zoo."

As usual during the summer months, there has been a certain amount of traffic in the reverse direction—from Regent's Park to Whipsnade.

Among animals sent there recently were six giant tortoises, some of which weigh as much as three cwt. They have gone to Whipsnade for a "summer holiday," and their departure meant some heavy work by keepers.

In order that the giants should look their best, all were given a preliminary grooming. First, their huge shells were washed with warm water, scrubbed, dried, and polished with pig-oil till they glistened like mahogany.

Then they were sent by lorry to the lush pasturelands of Bedfordshire, there to stay until the chill winds of autumn make it necessary for them to return to London.

To mark the 125th anniversary of the Zoological Society, a set-piece has been installed at the Lion House.

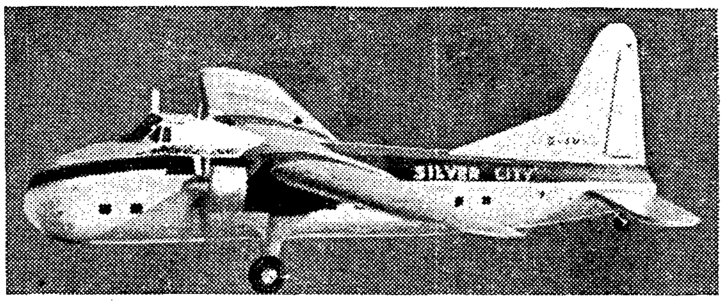
Entitled A Visit to the Zoo in 1828, it consists of life-size wax figures of a bewhiskered, red-coated soldier with his wife and two children interviewing a Zoo keeper.

All the figures are attired in a typical costume of the period and will no doubt give lots of amusement.

Greatest contrast to present-day attire is provided by the keeper, who is wearing a top hat, long frock coat with ruffles around the wrists, and what appear to be a primitive form of jodhpurs.

The exhibit, made by a firm of wax merchants specially for the Zoo, will remain for the rest of the present memorable season.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



39. The Superfreighter

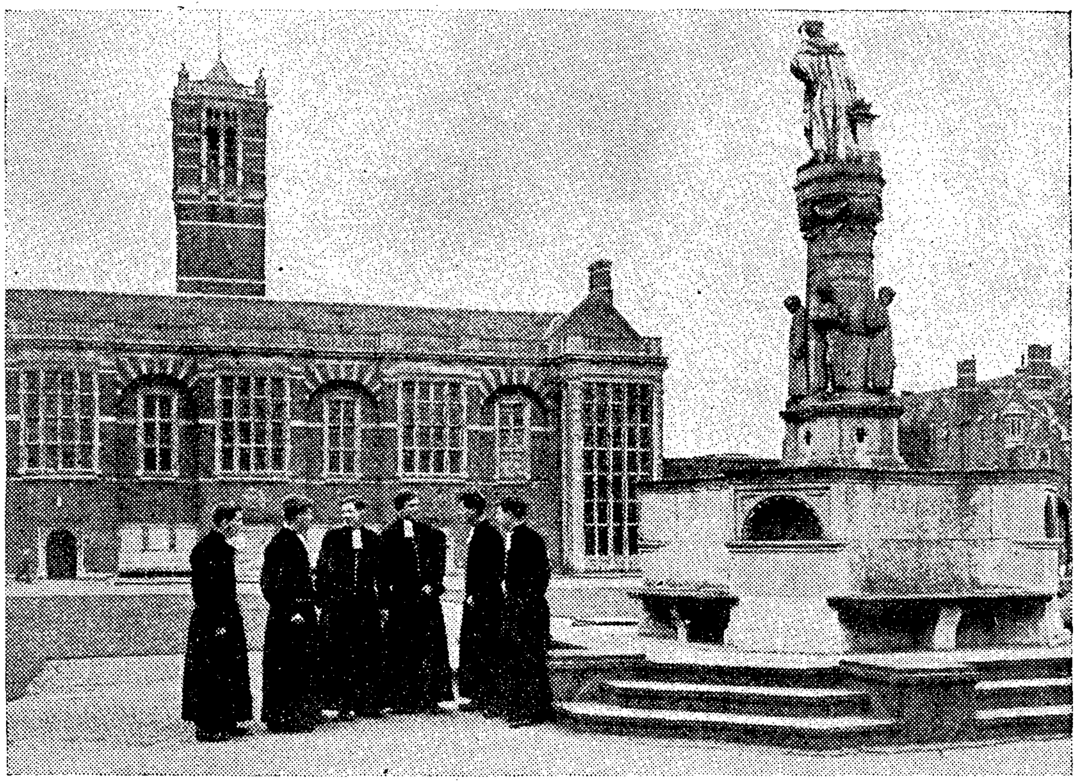
The latest version of Britain's workhorse of the air—the Bristol 170 Freighter—is the enlarged Superfreighter, six of which have been built for Silver City Airways for their cross-Channel air ferry.

The Superfreighter differs from the earlier models in having a fuselage of increased length. Each of the Superfreighters can carry three 14-foot cars, together with 20 passengers and motor-cycles or bicycles, compared with the two small cars and 12 passengers of the original version.

Last year Freighters flew more than 15,000 vehicles over the Channel. Bookings for the first half of 1953 alone have exceeded this figure.

Two Bristol Hercules 734 radial engines give the Superfreighter a speed of 230 m.p.h. at 3000 feet. Wing span is 108 feet, and length 73 feet 6 inches.

The famous Bluecoat School and its 400 Years


Scholars in the quadrangle, close to the memorial to Edward VI, founder of Christ's Hospital

As striking as its pupils' long blue coats and yellow stockings is the story of Christ's Hospital, the famous Bluecoat School which is celebrating its 400th anniversary, and on Saturday greets its Royal President, the Duke of Gloucester.

The stately dark red buildings of "the world's oldest democratic boarding-school" stand in fair Sussex country at Horsham. But for 350 years London was its home. Within sight of St. Paul's, boys studied where grey-cowled Franciscans once trod.

And in modern garb at Hertford are 280 girl "Bluecoats," proud of belonging to the oldest of England's girls' schools and looking forward to their own special celebrations next month.

There can be few professions which have not been adorned by scholars from Christ's Hospital. The name recalls its origin—a refuge for "fatherless and poor men's children," many sick and crippled. They crowded London's narrow, grimy streets four centuries ago, and City notables urged that they be housed in the suppressed monasteries.

HENRY VIII released the "church and house of the late Grey Friars" near ancient Newgate, but until 1553 little happened. Then, moved by the pulpit appeal of the saintly Ridley, Bishop of London, the 15-year-old Edward VI wrote to the Lord Mayor.

Aldermen and commoners made plans which resulted in over 300 waifs entering the disused monastery. On June 26, 1553—eleven days before his tragic death—the boy monarch signed the famous Christ's Hospital charter.

Masters for grammar, writing, and music were appointed. The long blue coats made their appearance, worn then over coarse yellow petticoats, and with black tam-o'-shanters. Girls wore blue dresses and green aprons.

These pioneers had no easy routine. Rising to the 6 a.m. bell, they braved bleak cloisters to wash, gulped humble bread and gruel, and went to lessons in long, draughty rooms. Outings were few, teachers often harsh.

Boys caught running away were fettered, while a gloomy dungeon and a straw bed awaited persistent offenders. But for most children, rescued from semi-starvation, Christ's Hospital brought rough comfort, companionship, and hope.

IN time, no longer merely a paupers' school, it welcomed children of clergymen, aldermen, clerks, tradesmen—and of old Bluecoats. Faithful to its charter as a genuine public school, it has never charged fees. Seniors were "put forth to service" with merchants: others won university scholarships.

Many went to sea—thanks largely to Samuel Pepys. In 1673 the celebrated diarist, then a secretary at the Admiralty, backed plans to teach 40 Bluecoats "the Art of Navigacon and the Science of Arithmatique."

Charles II christened it the Royal Mathematical School, and with white shoulder-badges the "Mathemats"—often regarded as the rowdiest of the scholars—began a steady flow of recruits for "the King's ships." Sons of naval officers maintain that tradition today.

TIME, expansion, and the Great Fire changed the face of Christ's Hospital. New "wards" were built for entrants, and new quarters for masters, beadles, counting-house clerks, and ushers. The great Wren was called in.

Stone by stone the crumbling, shadowed arches and courts disappeared. The girls moved to Hertford in 1798. By 1835 every vestige of the Grey Friars' ancient citadel—save one cloister and stately Christ Church — had vanished.

Earlier, a trio destined for literary fame had become Bluecoat boys. In 1782 the seven-year-old Charles Lamb there met his lifelong friend Samuel Taylor Coleridge. In 1792 came Leigh Hunt.

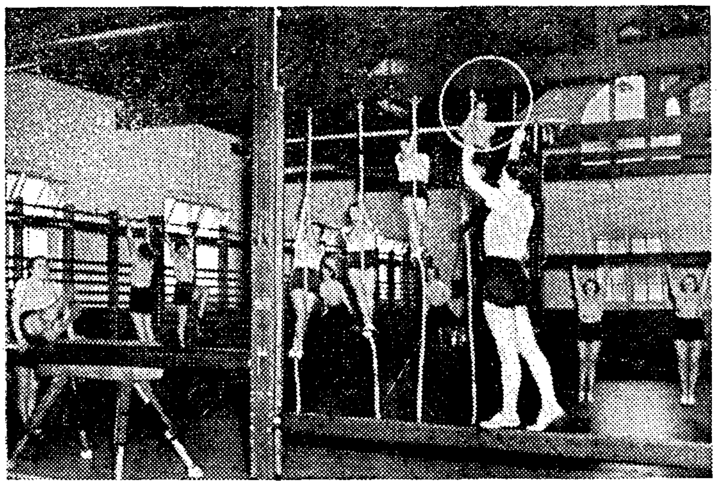
THE Bluecoat honours list is impressive. It includes the Elizabethan historian, William Camden; Thomas Barnes, who was the Editor of The Times from 1817 to 1841; Sir Henry Maine, notable jurist; David Thompson, the geographer who opened up the vast American North-West; William Wales, Captain Cook's navigator; and in recent times J. Middleton Murry, Constant Lambert, and Edmund Blunden.

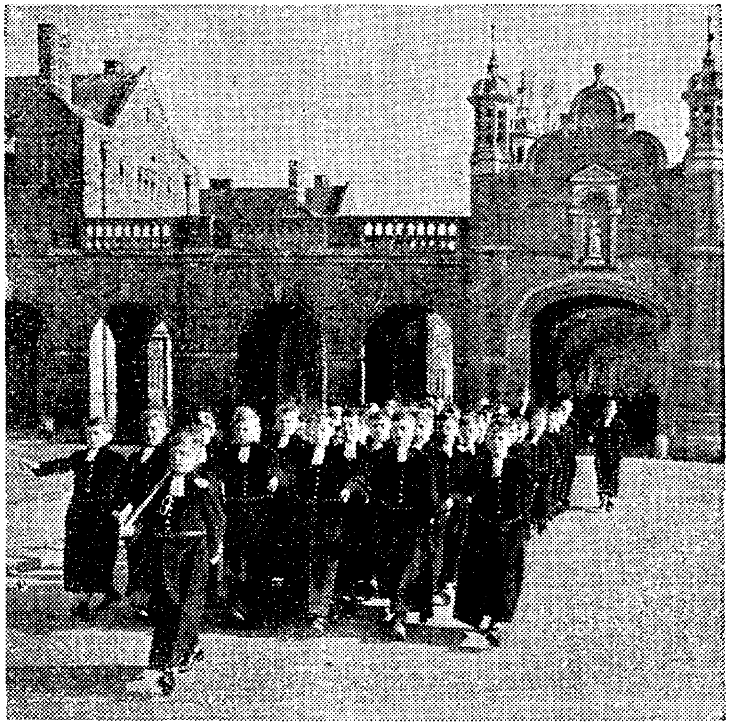
Overcrowding brought the reluctant decision to leave the venerable London site in 1902; but from Horsham the link with the City is religiously preserved. Every St. Matthew's Day (September 21) the boys, their band playing, march from London Bridge to St. Sepulchre's, Newgate. The Lord Mayor joins them, and after the service entertains them at the Mansion House.

SURROUNDED by spacious playing-fields, the Horsham buildings include a superb dining-hall with stained-glass windows, graced by Verrio's mighty canvas depicting Charles II receiving the Mathemats. The lofty chapel has many gifts from old boys.

Here 830 boys from many walks of life, in the time-honoured dress, are writing yet another chapter in the historic and distinguished Bluecoat chronicles.

The History Room of the girls' school—Christ's Hospital, Hertford


The splendid gymnasium at the girls' school at Hertford


Bluecoat boys marching to the dining-hall

Boys at study in the library at Horsham

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TEAMWORK

DESPITE their natural pride in the wonderful achievement of Edmund Hillary, New Zealanders have been the first to recognise the all-important part played by his colleagues in the conquest of Mount Everest.

Typical of this recognition was the comment in one of the Dominion's leading newspapers, The Auckland Star, from which we take these extracts.

"Teamwork, informed by hard experience, has in recent years come to be acknowledged as the paramount factor in man's assault on Everest . . .

"It is well that this important qualification should have full emphasis. It appeals strongly to the New Zealand mind, which is notably equalitarian . . .

"In the dimension of Hollywood, in the poetry of the classics or even of popular appeal, one man would 'go it alone'— and conquer, in a blaze of glory. But that's not the way in the Himalayas. This achievement, strong in romantic and adventurous appeal, is basically a triumph of applied science . . ."

That is generous comment, detracting not one whit from the New Zealander's epic feat; it is moreover, comment which he himself has been the first to endorse.

The Editor's Table

Splendour ahead

THE pageantry, celebrations, and friendly rejoicings in the last few weeks have given the nation new heart and confidence. We are well set on what we all hope will be the long journey of a great reign.

But to make it great there must be more than homage to the Queen. There must be Service. There must be vigorous enterprise. There must be Hard Work by everybody.

United in Service and Hard Work we can make the future of our country as splendid as its past.

Our silent friends

WHEN Dr. C. R. Morris, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University, opened a new college library building for St. John's College, York, he spoke on the advantages of self-education with the use of books.

A man with 20 great books around him had close to him 20 men greater than he could find in his own generation. Moreover, work could be done with a book in a way that was not possible through conversation or debate.

Thirty Years Ago

WHAT looks like the real beginning of wireless telephony at sea was carried out the other day between two Atlantic liners of a famous French steamship line, the France and Paris.

Each ship has been equipped with very powerful and up-to-date installations, and conversation was carried on with perfect ease when the two ships were 250 miles apart . . .

It is almost certain that before long all big ships will be fitted with wireless telephones, and that passengers will be able to speak to friends on other vessels.

From the Children's Newspaper, June 30, 1923

Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK WANTS TO KNOW

If racing cyclists often pass remarks

Dreams play a big part in farming. Waking up early is even more important.

Some people say long life is due to hard work. But they think it is due to themselves.

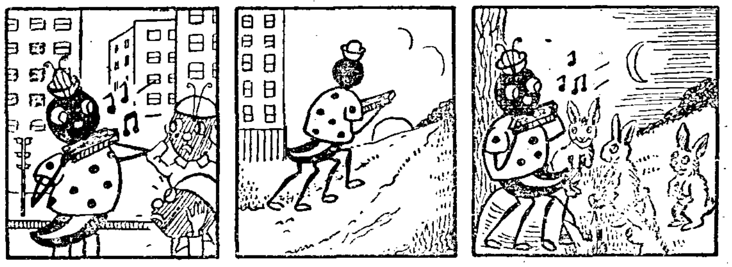
Untidy people often talk too loudly. They might be expected to drop their voices.

Growing boys sometimes like to lie in bed. But they get up to tricks.

Why don't men wear something more suited to the weather? someone asks. Prefer to suit themselves.

In England we must take the weather as we find it. But it usually finds us.

BILLY BEETLE



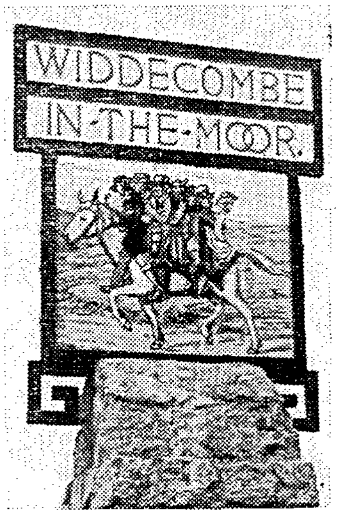
Silk Purses and Sows' Ears

THE old proverb that a silk purse cannot be made out of a sow's ear has lost much of its point in our times, when many delightful things are being produced from the most unlikely raw materials.

One of the latest of such transformations has been achieved in Norway, where artificial pearl necklaces are being coated with a paste made from herring scales. Another piece of Norwegian scientific alchemy is the manufacture of plastics from codfish waste.

Young people today will live to see many more such astonishing changes under the magic wand of science, changes which in time will also help to solve many pressing problems.

Village signs—5



Everyone knows the Devon folk-song Widdecombe Fair, and this sign shows "Uncle Tom Cobley an' all" riding on Tom Pearce's old grey mare.

Midsummer

THOUGH the anniversary of Midsummer is not celebrated with all the high revelry of olden times, there are still places in Britain where ceremonies are held to commemorate the occasion.

In Scotland, for instance, Midsummer Eve (June 23) is celebrated by the Masonic lodges. At Melrose the members parade in a grand procession, and, carrying lighted torches, file two abreast to the ruined abbey—the spot immortalised in verse by Sir Walter Scott. They march round the building three times, and a most thrilling spectacle they make.

In the Oxfordshire town of Burford, too, a time-honoured custom is observed on Midsummer Eve, a procession headed by the effigy of a fearsome dragon parading through the streets.

This custom is thought to have some connection with the triumph of King Cuthred over his enemy Ethelbald in a fierce battle fought in A.D. 752 at a spot named Battle Edge, just outside Burford.

Hungry actors

WE have often heard of starving actors—the profession is notoriously one in which newcomers have to face a hard struggle. But we had never heard of their being reduced to eating the scenery!

This, however, actually happened recently in a Hollywood film studio, and the "actors" thoroughly enjoyed their meal. They were circus elephants, taking part in the Paramount film, Elephant Walk.

While waiting for their turn to go on, fifteen of them reached out their trunks and complacently browsed on portable trees and plants used on the "set."

The scene-stealers were removed from the set between "takes" and parked in an alley outside, where there were no tempting tit-bits of stage garnishment.

Think on these Things

MOST people want to get on: they call it climbing the ladder of success.

The Old Testament story of Joseph (Gen. chapters 37-50) tells of a successful climber who when at the top did a gracious thing. He was the clever boy of the family, boastful, proud.

They sold him as a slave and he was taken to Egypt, and there, step by step, he rose to be Governor, the trusted friend of Pharaoh. Honour, riches, position were his when famine and hunger brought his brothers begging for bread.

Instead of revenge on those who had sold him into slavery, he sent them back for his father, saying God had prospered him in a strange land.

His father was an uncouth desert tribesman, but Joseph presented him at the Royal Court, proudly saying, "My father."

The slave boy made good, but graciously forgave and honoured his family. F. P.

JUST AN IDEA

As Doctor Samuel Johnson wrote: Self-confidence is the first requisite to great understandings.

THEY SAY . . .

ALTHOUGH the British have made many mistakes in the last 400 years, they have been the first to acknowledge them and to set about rectifying them.

Mr. Clement Davies, M.P.

THIS country has set the world an example of freedom, law, and the right use of power. Nowhere else is there freedom of speech, thought, and religious worship, such as is found in Great Britain.

Hon. E. S. Montagu, Q.C.

THE profession [acting] has many parts, and includes many sorts of people, who have one thing in common—they did not accept the advice given them not to go on the stage.

Sir Ralph Richardson

EVERYTHING must be done to foster the idea and ideal of the family. There is a need for families to be able to take part in social activities as families rather than as separate individuals. *The Minister of Health*

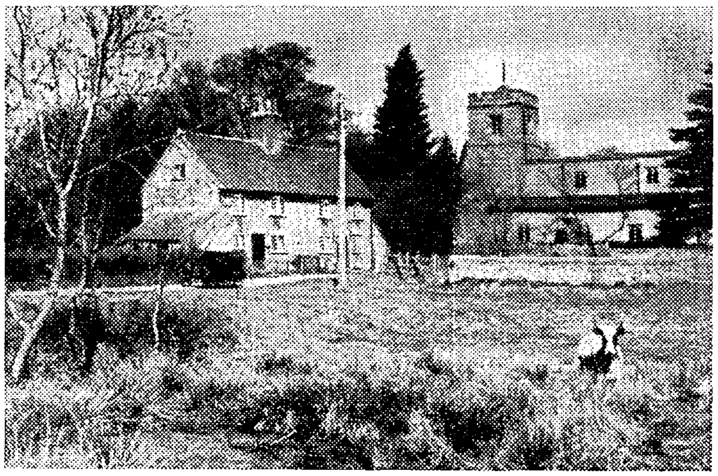
WE in the British Commonwealth are still the greatest organisation in the world. We have a magnificent capacity for disagreeing with each other and for making rude remarks about each other, but when we have finished these lusty encounters we go off together to see the Test match. *Premier of Australia*

Out and About

THE wandering voice of the cuckoo is breaking—it begins to sound more like a cough—"cuc-cuc-cuc." Next month the older birds will migrate south, leaving their young behind to follow next September.

They have not reared these rough-looking youngsters who have just learnt to fly. The hen cuckoo laid her eggs last month in the nest of small birds, like pipits, robins, pied wagtails, and hedge sparrows. Their young could not prevent the monster baby cuckoo shouldering them out, to die on the ground.

Sometimes you have a chance of rescuing one of the cast-out small birds and feeding it: this is more interesting than taking eggs. Notice that as cuckoos feed on insects, the small birds selected as foster-parents to young cuckoos were all insect-eaters. C. D. D.



OUR HOMELAND

The village church at Studham, Bedfordshire

SINGING THEIR WAY ACROSS AUSTRALIA

"Sing and see your country" is the motto of the Australian Boys' Choir.

In school holidays these 60 choristers, who receive a first-rate musical education, travel thousands of miles by air, train, bus, and ship all over the Commonwealth. Wherever they go the beauty of their singing holds audiences spellbound.

The choir, whose headquarters are in Melbourne, is made up of boys aged from nine to 16 of all classes and creeds. They sing in five languages, including Italian, German, and Maori, and have a repertoire of more than a hundred songs.

Their programmes are divided into four sections—oratorio, sacred and classical music, folk music, and popular music. They wear surplices for the first half of the programme and then change to white shirts, red ties and sashes, and grey shorts.

The Australian Boys' Choir was started in 1937, after a visit to Australia by Sir Richard Terry, the well-known organist and choirmaster. He was so impressed by the quality of boys' voices that he suggested the forming of a choir similar to those in Vienna, New York, Paris, and Warsaw.

A group of musicians and businessmen formed a committee to sponsor a choir, and appointed Mr. Vincent Kelly as Musical Director.

Within a few weeks, Mr. Kelly recruited 25 boys from Melbourne schools. Today the choir has 60 members and has branches in Hobart and Adelaide.

Mr. Kelly is planning a world tour for the boys in the near future.

A few members of the Australian Boys' choir

WHERE PIGS HAVE NO COMPLAINTS

A smiling young African, Mr. R. D. Edukugho, is working a farming revolution among the mangrove swamps of the Niger River delta.

When a C N representative went to see this happy farmer he was paddled in a canoe down the Niger River to the mouth of a tiny creek. There on a spit of land Mr. Edukugho was waiting for him.

The mangroves were 100 yards thick round Mr. Edukugho's farm, and the temperature was 90 in the shade; but in the midst of the tropical grove was a sight as English as can be seen in any Berkshire or Wiltshire farmyard, where the best pigs come from.

There in a double row of concrete sties were the broad backs of the English Middle White pigs.

Mr. Edukugho lives in a part of Nigeria where meat is scarce, so having saved enough money he started pig breeding and turned his back on an easy office job.

His first love was for his own Africa black pigs, but they refused to get fat and preferred to root in the garden rather than fatten in the sty. Then an English friend introduced him to the Middle Whites, which love palm kernel cake and cake made from groundnuts.

The Government loaned Mr. Edukugho £3000, and today he is well on the way to financial success, feeding his pigs so scientifically that their weight and bone are the same as if their home was on the Berkshire Downs.

Led by Salami, lord of the Niger piggery, the Middle Whites have no complaints about their food, and certainly none about their ration of sunshine.

Accent on Youth at Wimbledon

That lawn tennis is a game for the young is more evident than ever at this year's Wimbledon tournament. It is on players still in their teens that attention is largely focused; indeed, two of these young players are likely to carry off the game's most coveted trophies.

Maureen Connolly, the charming 18-year-old Californian who last year won all hearts, is a warm favourite for the women's singles title.

Although earlier this year she lost to her compatriot and main challenger, Doris Hart, she turned the tables in the French championships. This victory was achieved on slow hard courts, and on the fast turf of the All England Club her raking ground strokes should again take her to victory.

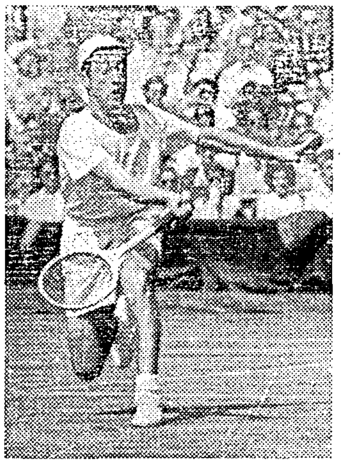
Incidentally, when she won the French title, Maureen became the first woman to hold at the same time the world's four main championships — of Wimbledon, America, Australia, and France.

In the women's doubles Maureen will partner another young American, 18-year-old Julie Sampson, a newcomer to this country. They should win through to the finals at Wimbledon, but the greater experience and volleying power of Doris Hart and Shirley Fry may prove too strong for them.

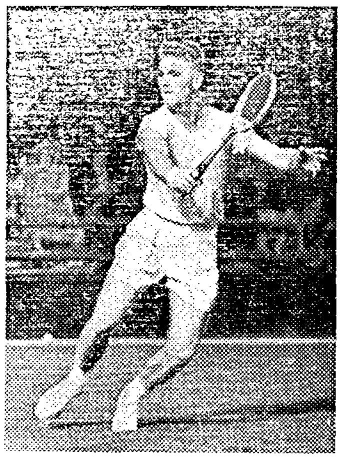
After his wonderful victory in the French championships—he lost only two sets in the whole tournament — 18-year-old Ken Rosewall of Australia must be considered favourite to win the men's singles.

Already holder of the Australian title, this young man bids fair to become one of the game's immortals. He bases his game not on the net-rushing tactics that have held sway for many years, but on the calmer Lacoste style with firm control, superb anticipation, and a brilliant back-hand.

His doubles partner, 18-year-old fellow Aussie, Lewis Hoad, may lack Rosewall's superb control, but his tremendous power makes him a force to be reckoned with. While winning the Australian doubles title—with Rosewall—he twice served the ball straight through the net!



Ken Rosewall



Lewis Hoad

Hoad's power and Rosewall's court craft make it virtually certain that these two young Australians will repeat their French doubles championship triumph.

Thanks to the L.T.A. and to county coaching schemes, the standard of our young players is continually rising. It is only to America that our girls bow their heads in defeat, and our boys acknowledge no superiors among players of their age in Europe.

But it is to the future rather than the present that Britain must look for a champion, two boys who show particular promise being Billy Knight and Bobby Wilson, both 17.

Many eyes will look hopefully to them when they appear on Wimbledon's green turf, but too much should not be expected of them. Competing as they are against the world's best players, they will be encountering a class of tennis almost unknown to them, and it would be a surprise, though a delightful one, to find them playing in the third round. But their turn will come.

Whoever wins the laurels, this Wimbledon fortnight is sure to be as thrilling and exciting a spectacle as ever; a meeting of the nations gathered in friendly rivalry in the loveliest of settings, and one of the most eagerly-followed events in the sporting calendar. May the sun shine on it every day!

Maureen Connolly

WIMBLEDON POINTS

About 200 people attended the first championships, held in 1877. This year more than 275,000 will watch the games.

The first overseas challenge came in 1883. This year some 30 nations are represented.

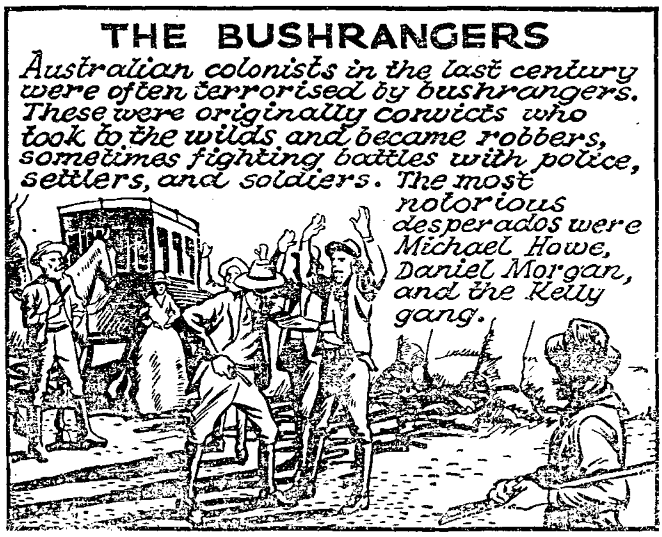
More than 12,000 balls will be used during the championships; six new ones are provided for every set.

The Centre Court and No. 1 Court are resown every year.

The first championships were held to raise funds for the All England Croquet Club. A profit of 1s. 10d. was made.

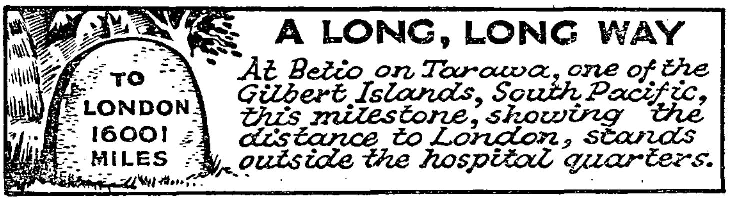
Empire Mosaic—36

by Ridgway



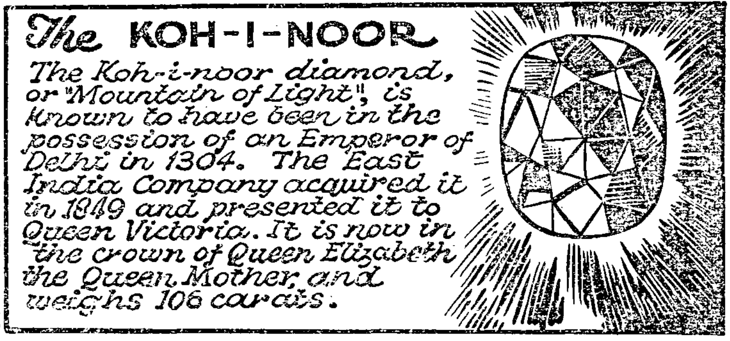
THE BUSHRANGERS

Australian colonists in the last century were often terrorised by bushrangers. These were originally convicts who took to the wilds and became robbers, sometimes fighting battles with police, settlers, and soldiers. The most notorious desperados were Michael Howe, Daniel Morgan, and the Kelly gang.



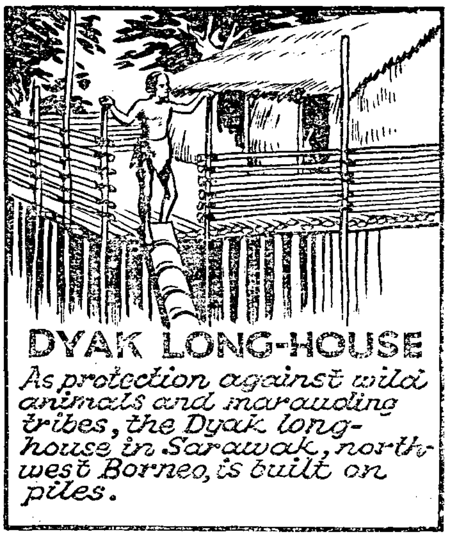
A LONG, LONG WAY

At Betio on Tarawa, one of the Gilbert Islands, South Pacific, this milestone, showing the distance to London, stands outside the hospital quarters.



The KOH-I-NOOR

The Koh-i-noor diamond, or "Mountain of Light", is known to have been in the possession of an Emperor of Delhi in 1304. The East India Company acquired it in 1849 and presented it to Queen Victoria. It is now in the crown of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and weighs 106 carats.



DYAK LONG-HOUSE

As protection against wild animals and marauding tribes, the Dyak long-house in Sarawak, north-west Borneo, is built on piles.

FROM SOAY TO MULL

The tiny Hebridean island of Soay, just off the coast of Skye, has been evacuated. Only the owner of the island, his wife, and their little son remain.

The people, 27 in all, have taken their furniture, their cattle, and their boats to new homes on Craignure, Mull. An estate there has been bought for them by the Government, and they will find work at forestry, crofting, and fishing.

They had asked to be moved last January because of the lack of fertility in the land and the alarming falling-off of the lobster fishing, their main means of support. Added to that were the facts that the island has a school without a teacher, a mission hall without a minister, and no doctor.

Now they have entered a new world. Instead of peat fires and paraffin lamps they will have coal fires and electric lighting. They will also find crops which the good people of Mull have planted as a gesture of welcome.

The last mass migration in Scotland was in 1930, when 36 inhabitants of St. Kilda left, but then the people dispersed. The crofters of Soay have moved as one community.

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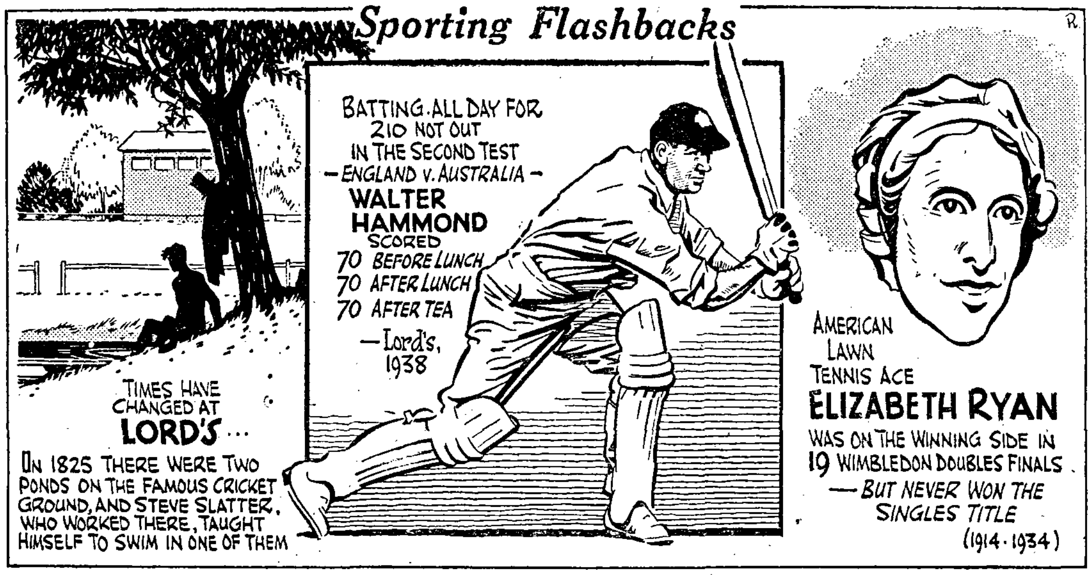
NEW VILLAGE FOR OLD FOLK

Selwyn is the name to be given to a village now being built in the suburbs of Auckland for 70 elderly New Zealand men and women.

When the foundation stone was laid by the Governor-General, hope was expressed that more village communities like this would be built; for young New Zealand now finds at every census that it has more and more citizens over 60.

This village community will be only one more living memorial to George Augustus Selwyn, a young Anglican clergyman who went to New Zealand in 1842 to become first bishop of the colony.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TIMES HAVE CHANGED AT LORD'S...
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AMERICAN LAWN TENNIS ACE ELIZABETH RYAN WAS ON THE WINNING SIDE IN 19 WIMBLEDON DOUBLES FINALS —BUT NEVER WON THE SINGLES TITLE (1914-1934)

MAN WHO IS TEACHING MILLIONS TO READ

A handsome white-haired man who looks more like a retired farmer than a teacher flew into London the other day, and talked to a C N representative about "the biggest job on earth." At any rate, that is how Dr. Frank Laubach regards his vocation of teaching millions to read.

He has been doing it, too, for 25 years—since the day when he sat down with a wild Moro man in the Philippine Islands and listened to the strange sounds the man was uttering in an effort to make himself understood. With pencil and notebook Dr. Laubach wrote down the sounds. That was the beginning of his campaign to overcome illiteracy.

ROUND THE WORLD

From that morning in the remote mountains of Mindanao, he has been constantly travelling round the world, teaching people to read.

When the C N representative talked with him he had just come from Katmandu in Nepal, where he had been advising the Government how to cure illiteracy. Only one person in 500 in Nepal is able to read.

Illiteracy to Frank Laubach is a disease—as bad as leprosy or tuberculosis. In fact, this apostle of literacy claims that there is a direct connection between physical disease and illiteracy.

If a man cannot read, how can he understand how to keep himself healthy? So argues this vigorous American who travels thousands of miles every year.

He also believes that much of the world will continue to go hungry until it learns to read, because the man who drives the plough is still practising old-fashioned methods in too many countries. The farmers of the world, especially in Asia and Africa, need books as well as better methods of work, and the one leads to the other.

In more than 40 languages Dr. Laubach has made his simple charts—three or four columns in which he draws picture outlines representing words. An illiterate man recognises the picture and soon recognises the word.

People who have previously had nothing to do with words can only take in about ten new words a day. But Dr. Laubach manages to teach old, illiterate people to read simple sentences in ten days.

That seems quick, but it is not quick enough. As Dr. Laubach explained, the rise in the population of the world is beating his campaign. There are almost as many illiterates now as there were when he began 25 years ago.

LOOKING FOR TEACHERS

During his visit to London this amazingly energetic man, who has all the enthusiasm of youth allied to the mature wisdom of experience, has been looking for young writers of simple, good English who will go out to India, Africa, and the East and teach writers there how to be simple enough for new readers.

That is the next stage in his long campaign to enlighten the millions who cannot read—and, if they can, have nothing to read.

OVERHEAD HEATING

The latest idea in domestic heating is to fit radiant heat radiators in ceilings.

The radiant heat travels downwards, only slightly heating the air but quickly warming solid objects, such as the floor, the walls, and everyone in the room.

DRINKERS OF DEW

Scientists never flag in their efforts to find new sources of food supplies for the world's ever-increasing populations, and a discovery of far-reaching importance has been made at the California Institute of Technology.

It is a discovery offering new hope for the cultivation of such plants as tomatoes, sugar beet, and peas in the semi-desert regions of the world.

Experiments with certain plants have shown that dew forming on the leaves is absorbed, fills the stem and roots, and is even passed out into the surrounding soil to be held in reserve there until the plant needs it.

Plants recovered from wilting faster when dew was sprayed on their leaves at night than when the soil was watered. The plants took in enough moisture from dew to enable them to flourish normally during the succeeding day without any watering of the ground.

It was also found that the amount of water which the plant passed through its system and stored in the soil was occasionally equal to its own weight.

By choosing those varieties of food plants which are best able to utilise dew, a marked increase of food production in dry zones may be obtained.

This important work was carried out under the auspices of Unesco.

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BRIDGE THAT GOES UNDER THE SEA

A new road and railway bridge linking Korsor and Nyborg in Denmark will be partly over the sea and partly under water!

The two towns are separated by water, and the channel in the middle must be kept open for the passage of large ships. Rather than raise the bridge at this point, engineers have decided that it will be cheaper and easier to make the middle of the bridge into a tunnel, dipping well below the surface of the water and coming up again on the other side of the channel.

THE LOST WORLD—Picture-story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous thriller (3)

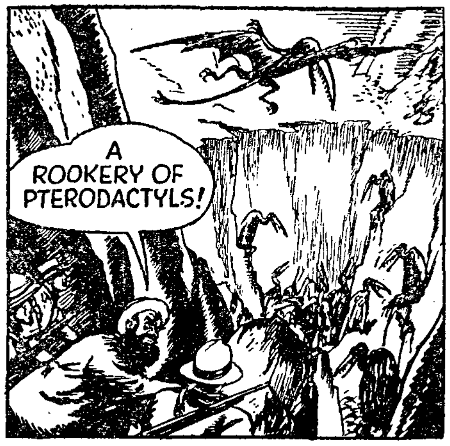
WE'VE GOT ENOUGH FOOD TO LAST SEVERAL WEEKS

Cut off on the mysterious plateau in the unknown Amazonian forest, Professor Challenger's party took stock of their situation. Fortunately they had a good store of food and ammunition, and their next thought was to make themselves secure—if possible—against any of the strange creatures that Challenger thought lived here. They cut down thorny bushes and built a circular hedge, calling it "Fort Challenger."

NO BIRD MADE THESE MARKS!

In spite of their desperate plight, they tingled with impatience to know more of this strange land. So having now provided themselves with a place of refuge, they set out cautiously with their rifles to explore. Following a little stream running through woods, they came upon footprints like those of some giant bird. The two professors examined them intently, and became tremendously excited.

Farther on they stopped dead, hardly able to believe their eyes, as they saw the weird gigantic creatures that had made the footprints. There were two adults and two young ones—babies as big as elephants. All Summerlee's doubts of Challenger's claims were gone now. "Professor Challenger," he said solemnly, "I owe you an apology; these are iguanodons!" He gazed at the browsing monsters with reverence.


A ROOKERY OF PTERODACTYLS!

They knew these herbivorous giants were harmless, and after admiring them they went on through the woods. They became aware of a gabbling, whistling sound, and crept on till they came to the edge of a bowl-shaped pit. Round the water at the bottom were hundreds of pterodactyls. From this crawling, flapping mass of reptilian life came a shocking clamour and a horrible musty odour that made them feel sick.

What will happen if the pterodactyls spot the intruders? See next week's instalment

Continuing

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

by John Pudney

Fred and I go to Norway with Uncle George, who is working on a secret scientific project. We meet a Norwegian boy, Hans, and his sister, Greta. We run into trouble with a man named Malcolm Murdoch, and then with two gunmen. We go into some disused mine workings, where Uncle George and his friend Bengt Olsen are probably held prisoner. We are trapped ourselves, and to try to find a way out we drive a strange monorail car. We are caught by another monorail car—and a man calls out, threatening to shoot.

15. LEL the enemy

THERE was a pause. The three of us crouched on the floor of the monorail car. Outside, Fred was reaching for another loose piece of rock.

"I don't speak Balt," came the voice. He spoke again in Norwegian, and added in English: "Get out with your hands above your heads, or I shall put a grenade into that car."

There was nothing for it but to obey. "You'd better join us, Fred," I called softly, as we stepped down onto the slippery ledge. "You won't do any good with a rock against a grenade."

Through the shattered window of the monorail car a gun was pointing down towards us as we assembled. No sooner had we obediently raised our hands over our heads, however, than it was withdrawn. The door of the car slid open. No gun came out: only the head and shoulders of the man. He looked down towards us with a surprise on his features that was almost comical. He was Malcolm Murdoch!

"This," he said, "looks like a final reckoning as far as we are concerned." He stepped down from the cabin of his monorail car, smiled apologetically, and put down his gun. "I'm sorry I shot at you, but it never crossed my mind that you were in that car. My only thought was to have a whack at somebody quite different. You ought to have let me know who you were."

Explanation

"And how do you suppose we could do that?" Fred burst out angrily. "We didn't know who you were, anyway."

"After all, you were chasing us," I said.

"We've been attacked already today by a pair of gunmen," Greta explained. "We didn't know who they were—and we don't know much about you."

Malcolm Murdoch drew a hand wearily across his brow. Then he began to stroke his beard nervously. "So you've been up against the Balts? Please believe me when I say that I'm not your enemy, but that they are. They and their organisation, LEL, are the enemies of mankind."

A bewildered, discouraged look came over his face. "The pursuit was all a mistake. I managed to tap one of their lines and learnt that my brother was being chased by monorail. As I flashed past your car I could tell that he was not at the controls, though I could not recognise any of you . . . I chased your car, feeling certain that you must be hostile. I was ready to ram if necessary.

"When you came on down here and put out your lights, I guessed you were trying to trick me by going round the loop, so I came round the other way. Well, we've met, and luckily there's no harm done."

This explained his sudden appearance from the other direction. But there was so much unexplained that we all began shooting questions at him.

"I know there's a lot to explain," he said, "but there's not much time to do it now. I need allies, help, urgently. I should never have tried to play a lone hand. It was only because I was desperate that I tied up the young lady and stole your provisions. I lost my own when someone shot away my rubber dinghy. Then they were lying in wait for me and would have got me had it not been for their being delayed by attacking this young man here . . ."

The rest of his story came out briefly and in a kind of patchwork.

Malcolm Murdoch was, as we had gathered, a Scotsman and a scientist. He had been working on a project in Labrador when he was contacted by secret agents informing him that his brother, Robin Murdoch, also a scientist, had been taken as a hostage. He was being held by a group of people from the Baltic countries—Latvians, Lithuanians, and Estonians—a powerful international organisation known vaguely to Murdoch as LEL.

It's strange but true . . .

. . . that **cuckoo-spit,** which we see on plants in early summer, is the home of the frog-fly grub.

The tiny frog-fly presses its snout into the stem of the plant and obtains a rich supply of sugary sap. With active movements, the frog-fly mixes air with the sugary liquid which passes out of the food canal.

The result is a foamy mass which, with the addition of a little wax from the glands on the skin and a small amount of ferment from the food canal, keeps moist this home of bubbles.

In order to save his brother's life he was required to go to Norway with very special equipment and carry out research and give information as to the whereabouts of certain quassium deposits in disused workings of the Sardanger Fjord. LEL, collaborators with the Nazis during the war, had succeeded in tracing small quantities of quassium, and they knew that there was more to be found.

Robin Murdoch had fallen into the clutches of LEL. Malcolm Murdoch had been simply given the choice of working for LEL or losing his brother for ever. He was to begin on a certain day—it was the Tuesday he had mentioned in his radio message—and was to make regular progress reports.

On arrival in Scotland, he had been told that a British scientist—Uncle George, of course—might be already on his way to make a preliminary investigation of the Sardanger deposits. Murdoch was ordered to intercept this scientist and to check whether his equipment included anything similar to his own listening device.

Coincidence

Though they had suspected Uncle George, LEL had felt that his presence in Norway might well be a coincidence. The very fact that he had chosen to take Fred and me along allayed their suspicions, as no doubt it was meant to do. Murdoch's report to them, after a glance at the interior of the station wagon and after his talks with Uncle George on the boat, made the fishing trip seem completely genuine.

Murdoch was to work independently, alone, and in secret, making photographic records with the Flashray that had been supplied to him by agents in Scotland, and using the listening device he had invented.

If his results were satisfactory, Robin Murdoch was to be released at once and they were to travel away from Norway together under a pledge of secrecy.

"The results I have obtained in several places are positive and come as a great surprise to me." Malcolm Murdoch explained. "They show that quassium is present in this part of the workings. As you could see for yourselves, they've made the most elaborate attempts to discover the stuff and work it. They have been operating from a base on the wrecked ship for a couple of months."

"Not the Zuaxine?" gasped Hans.

"A ship they sank specially, of course," Murdoch said. "I don't suppose any suspicions were aroused when they kept a lot of people on board to work on the salvage. That ship is the perfect headquarters for anyone attempt-

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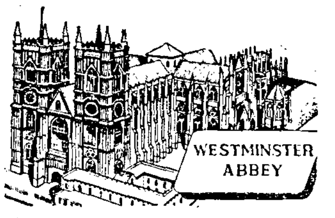

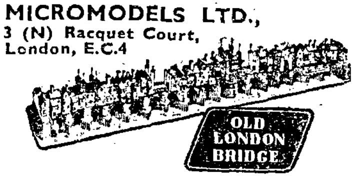

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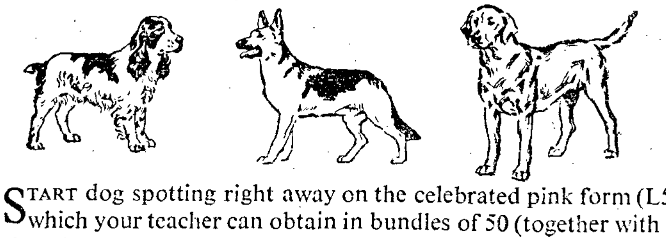

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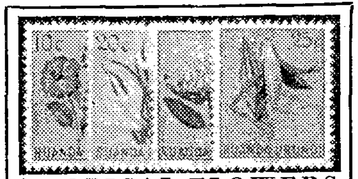

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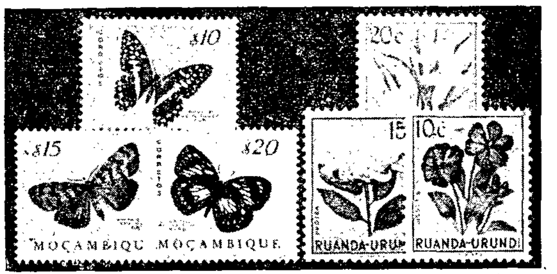

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SPORTS SHORTS

This Thursday sees the start of the Second Test match between England and Australia, at Lord's, the 18th Test on this ground between the two countries. Australia lead by six victories to five, with five drawn and one abandoned owing to rain.

James Langridge, one of the famous Sussex brothers, has played his last game for the County. He made his County debut at the age of 16, and has since scored well over 31,000 runs and taken more than 1500 wickets, achieving the double of 1000 runs and 100 wickets on six occasions. He is to act as the Sussex coach.

Two 41-year-old athletes who have been in the news are Vic Stone, of Surrey, who won the Manchester to Blackpool walk (51¾ miles) in 8 hours 32 minutes 55 seconds, and Monty Hillier, who won the three-mile title at the Oxfordshire County championships. Monty Hillier first won the title in 1937, and has held it ever since.

Henley Royal Regatta, one of the most important rowing events of the year, starts next week. Crews and individual competitors are coming from France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and America. One of the ten trophies—the Diamond Sculls—will definitely change hands, for last year's winner, Mervyn Wood, the Australian and Olympic champion, has since retired.

Miss Thelma Hopkins, a member of Britain's Olympic team at Helsinki, was a triple winner in the Northern Ireland women's championships, winning the high jump, 80-yards hurdles, and long jump, in which she beat her own Northern Ireland record with a leap of 18 feet 7 inches.

Miss Yvette Williams, Olympic long-jump champion, has been voted New Zealand's "Sportsman of the Year" for the second time.

Pat O'Callaghan, 17-year-old athlete of Eire, is making a great reputation as a hammer-thrower in school and junior competitions. His younger brother Terry is doing likewise, but with the 7-lb hammer. The boys are being trained by their father, who was a dual Olympic hammer-throw champion.

Brian Emmer of Streatham, 14-year-old member of the Hercules Athletic Club, is a promising pole-vaulter, and here he is seen receiving instruction from Roy Brisley, A.A.A. Coach

Bill Workman, an 18-year-old Bristol athlete, recently achieved a remarkable double when he won the Gloucestershire County 100-yards senior *and* junior titles on the same afternoon.

Maurice Woods, a Batley woollen worker, lost a leg while serving in Italy during the war, but he has refused to forsake cricket, a game at which he formerly showed great promise. Recently he realised his great ambition by scoring a century for the Dewsbury and District League.

When Yorkshire county chess star, E. C. Berg, played 14 simultaneous games with members of a chess group in Brighouse he won all the games except one. He lost to the youngest competitor, 14-year-old Raymond Gardner.

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

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ing to open up these workings in secrecy."

The worst piece of news came last. "If their operations are threatened by discovery, the whole of these workings are to be disintegrated by means of the ray system they have rigged up.

"Everything here can be controlled from the ship, including the monorail cars, as you probably found out when you raised the grid. But the strength of the normal ray system can be increased a thousand times and turned into an all-destroying force.

"The situation is rather similar to that during the war, when LEL were operating here with the Nazis. If they can't get the quassium themselves, they'll make sure that nobody else touches it."

"So you mean to say that, if they find they can't get out quassium, they'll demolish these Okka workings?"

"That's *what they plan to do.* And LEL knows by this time that things have gone wrong. You tricked them and got away in the speedboat. They may or may not know that you came back and entered Okka Harbour. They know that I'm working against them now. It's almost certain that they ran up against your Uncle George and Bengt Olsen. Finally, it seems almost certain that my *brother has taken one of their pet* supersonic flying boats and got away. I think we'll be lucky if they don't use the ray before dawn tomorrow."

"What weapons have we got?" Fred asked.

Murdoch pointed to his gun. "That's all I've got."

"What about the grenade you were going to blow us up with?"

"Bluff!"

"So it comes down to a single gun between us," said Hans.

"Once more you'd better know the worst," said Malcolm Murdoch. "There's only one solitary round left in the *magazine* of the gun."

To be continued

LOST RIVER FOUND

In the year 1868 a French missionary named Father Petitot discovered a river in the Canadian Arctic—in the treeless, barren, and little-known country north of the Great Bear Lake. Afterwards it was thought not to exist, but now *it* has been found again.

This "mislaid" river was named La Roncière by the missionary, after a French admiral. Fog prevented him from following it all the way to the Arctic Ocean, but he estimated the place where he felt sure it flowed out, and later published an account of his findings in the bulletin of the Paris Geographical Society.

In 1899 an American explorer in the region could find no trace of this estuary. But he did find a big river, unmarked on any map, flowing into Darnley Bay. He called it the Hornaday River and believed it was only a short one, coming from a lake situated a few miles inland.

ONE AND THE SAME

Father Petitot's river seemed lost, but two men of the Canadian Department of Mines and Technical Surveys *have now found* that Hornaday and La Roncière are one and the same. The Frenchman had been mistaken as to where it flowed into the Arctic Ocean, and the American as to its length.

The Canadians followed it for 40 miles from its mouth, and found that most of its course was as the missionary had plotted it 85 years ago. It is a swiftly-flowing river rushing down through a steep canyon, and in one place plunges as a 60-foot waterfall.

New maps of Arctic Canada will show Hornaday-La Roncière flowing into Darnley Bay.

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SAFETY-FIRST RINGS AND BRACELETS

Radio-active rings and bracelets are providing automatic protection for factory workers operating machines which might trap their hands and cause injury.

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This safety system worked well when it was introduced, but after the novelty had worn off, workers forgot to wear their protective jewellery.

Then the safety experts made a further modification that retained the original safeguard—and also made it impossible for operators to work the machines unless they *were* wearing their radio-active rings or bracelets!

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VIKING SHIP AHOY!

A Sunderland boatbuilding firm has converted an old lifeboat into a Viking ship for a new 20th Century-Fox film, Prince Valiant.

She is being featured in "shots" off the Isle of Skye, and later will sail to waters off the North Wales coast for other scenes.

THEIR OWN CAR

Most young people have to wait until they are 18 before they can drive what is officially termed "a mechanically-propelled vehicle."

But not so nine-year-old Ann Baxter and her seven-year-old sister Elizabeth, who live at Little Bookham, Surrey. They have their own motor-car, though they must not drive it on the roads.

It is a converted pedal-car which has had a small petrol-engine fitted to it. Top speed is about 12 m.p.h., and if the girls should try to go any faster there is a device that stops them.

On sunny afternoons they go for a drive in their garden; then they put the car in its own little garage—a large dog-kennel!

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SIMPLE SOLDER

A new British product known as solder tape makes soldering easy. A piece of the tape is wrapped around the joint and when heated with a match quickly melts.

ISLAND OF BIRDS IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL

The Island of Steep Holm in the Bristol Channel midway between the coasts of Glamorgan and Somerset is once more to become a bird sanctuary. The owner of the island, Lord Wharton, has granted a long lease to a Trust representing four West Country naturalists' societies.

As well as guarding the bird life and plants of Steep Holm, the Trust plans to continue the excavation of a 12th-century priory and to explore some of the many caves on this 50 acres of limestone.

Many thousands of years ago Steep Holm and its sister island, Flat Holm, were hilltops in the wide valley of the River Severn, which flowed to its mouth somewhere to the south of present-day Ireland. At a date unknown to us the valley was flooded by the sea and only the two hilltops remained visible.

VIKING H.Q.

In past centuries the island has been occupied by Vikings, monks, pirates, soldiers, farmers, and fishermen.

The Black Pagans, as the local people called the Norsemen, are said to have made Steep Holm their headquarters. From there they sent out their sleek fighting ships, with shields slung over the side to protect the rowers, to forage for food and ravage the countryside on both sides of the channel.

In more recent times the island is believed to have harboured smugglers and pirates. Only two ships are known to have been wrecked on, or near, Steep Holm: the Rebecca, a West Indiaman, in 1810, and Anita, a Spanish barque which was lost with all hands in 1901.

First fortified by the Army in the 1860's, the island was abandoned by the War Office in 1903. During the Second World War it was used as an anti-submarine base.

It is the intention of the Trust to arrange visits to the island, and an announcement may be made shortly.

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ARE YOU OFF TO LONDON TOWN?

The prospect of a visit to London is always exciting, but many people on their arrival feel bewildered by its immensity—by what Anthony Weymouth in his book, Going to London (Phoenix House, 8s. 6d.) calls a "glorious muddle."

He has written it for young visitors—it is the eighth in the "Excursion" series—and it is a book to be read first and then taken on the journey. It slips easily into the pocket or handbag.

Mr. Weymouth is a friendly, chatty guide who not only describes the great sights in an entertaining manner, but gives sidelights on many hidden corners. For example, he tells of the gilded statue of a fat boy which is supposed to mark the spot where the Great Fire of 1666 was halted. The fat boy is said to represent the sin of gluttony, because the fire began in Pudding Lane and finished at Pie Corner!

Maybe it's because he's a Londoner that Mr. Weymouth loves writing about London Town. He makes no secret of his affection for the capital, and boys and girls will enjoy reading his book as much as he says he enjoyed writing it.

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STAMP NEWS

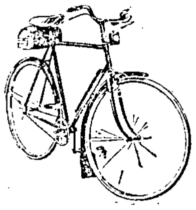
TONGA'S stamps are being replaced next week. The designs of the old set have been in use for 56 years, longer than those of any other current set in the Commonwealth. Most of the new stamps will show island scenes, and will be printed on tortoise-watermarked paper, representing the tortoise which Captain Cook gave to the Friendly Islands.

STAMP with a dual tribute will be issued by Israel soon. It will honour the International Scientific Congress to be held there, and also mark the 750th anniversary of the death of philosopher Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon.

TWO Mexican stamps commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Miguel Hidalgo, father of the country's independence.

ITALIAN Somaliland has issued an airmail and three ordinary stamps to mark her campaign against tuberculosis. Norway plans to have a stamp with a surcharge which will be used in the fight against cancer.

CN Competition No. 30



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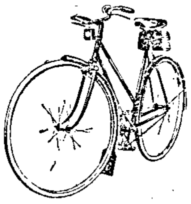

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TWO Hercules bicycles—one for a girl and one for a boy—are to be won in this week's competition. Ten 10s. Notes will be awarded to runners-up, so enter without delay! All you have to do is to colour this seaside scene, using either paints or crayons.

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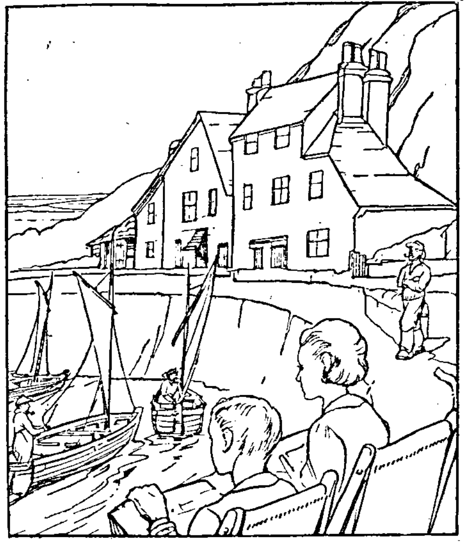

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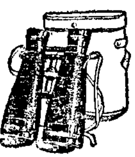

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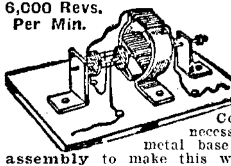

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THE BRAN TUB

SAMMY SIMPLE

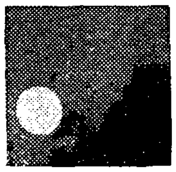
"OUCH!" cried Sammy, clutching his left side, "I think I've got appendicitis."

"But the appendix is on the right," objected his friend.

"Ah, but I'm left-handed."

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Saturn is in the south-west. In the morning Venus is in the south-east and Jupiter is low in the east. The picture shows the Moon at 10 p.m. on Friday, June 26.



Middle letters

BY adding a letter in the middle of each of the following four-letter words you can make a five-letter word. The added letters will spell the name of a popular summer game.

MEAL, DRAM, RAGE, MOTH, PANT, HATE.

MeTal, drEam, raNge, moNth, paInt, haSte.

Hardly surprising

"WHY, hallo there!" cried a man, as he passed an old friend in the street. "Haven't seen you for years." And then, looking very serious, said: "You do look older."

"Yes," came the cheerful rejoinder, "I've never been so old in my life."

BEDTIME CORNER

"What shall we do?" cried the Martins

FOR many years House-martins had nested under the red brick archways of an old Thames bridge. Birds who had built there one year returned the next and repaired their old nests; birds who had been hatched there came back the following years and built their own nests in this familiar spot. So it was this year, too.

"How good it is to be back in the same lovely place!" they twittered.

But it was not till several days later, after old nests had been inspected for repairs, and new ones planned, that the Martins discovered that things were *not* the same.

For as they searched the river banks for building mud, they found that all along the waterside stout concrete walls had been built. The walls went down sheer to the river bed, and there was no mud left anywhere.

Upstream and downstream it was the same. "What shall we do?" they cried. "And what will our cousins the Swallows do, too? For though they build on rafters in the barns and cowsheds of the farm over yonder they've always collected their building mud from the river bank too. We must fly and tell them."

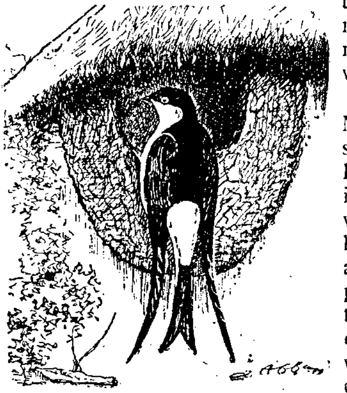
So off went the oldest Martin, swooping over the buttercup fields till he met a cousin Swallow. "Thanks to Man there is no mud for your nests," he warned him.

"Thanks to Man, there is," said the Swallow surprisingly. "Come with me." And he showed him a new cattle pond with thickly muddied edges, which bulldozers had dug near the farmyard.

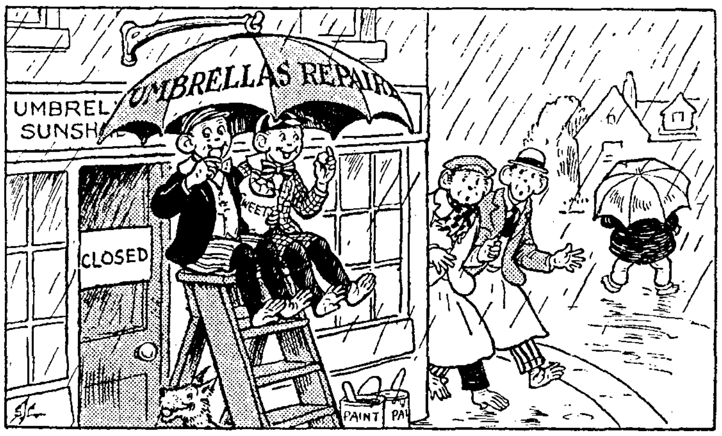
"Now we needn't fly far in search of mud," he added. "Why don't you all come here? You're *House* Martins, after all. So you can build under the eaves of the farmhouses and cottages. There's mud enough for everyone."

"We will," cried the Martin, and went to fetch the others.

JANE THORNICROFT



JACKO AND CHIMP RISE TO THE OCCASION



It began to rain at lunch time, and neither Jacko nor Chimp has brought his raincoat. They looked round for shelter, and saw the very thing—an umbrella shop sign and beneath it a step ladder. They promptly climbed up, and were just settling down with a bag of sweets when the two painters returned from their lunch. The chums hastily sought shelter elsewhere!

CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second answer, and so on.

1. Family of patrician Romans whose most eminent member, Africanus Major, drove the Carthaginians out of Spain and defeated them in their own country.

2. Island in the Hebrides where, about 1400 years ago, St. Columba founded a monastery from which monks set out to convert Scotland

3. Former independent duchy in Germany; also the name of the capital of the Bahamas.

4. Member of the British Commonwealth; chief exports are wool, gold, meat, dairy produce—and cricketers!

Answer next week

Whose name?

A BYGONE monarch bore this name,
A table brought him untold fame.
It is a place, as maps will show;
A port found in Ontario.

Answer next week

On this day . . .

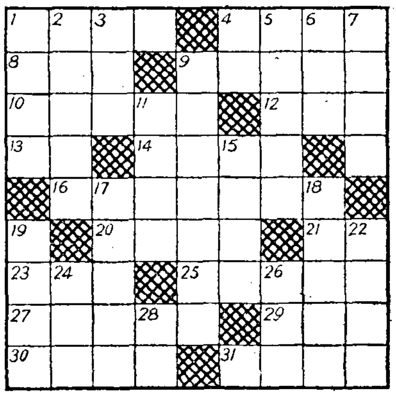
JUNE 24 is the festive day of St. John the Baptist, and there are many forms of celebration. At Magdalen College, Oxford, it has been the custom for an annual sermon to be preached on Midsummer's Day from a stone-canopied pulpit in the wall of the first quadrangle. At one time the sides of the quadrangle were fenced for the occasion with green boughs.

The sermon commemorates the fact that on the site of the college there was once a Hospital of St. John the Baptist.

Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Jar. 4 Large number. 8 Monkey. 9 The fourth month. 10 Acts. 12 Mineral. 13 East Riding. 14 Employs. 16 Desired earnestly. 20 Cape. 21 Royal Engineers. 23 Beverage. 25 Lukewarm. 27 Merits. 29 Shout of welcome in Latin. 30 Tall plant. 31 Valley.

READING DOWN. 1 Hard stone, usually green. 2 Musical drama. 3 Shelter. 4 Member of Parliament. 5 Got up. 6 Title. 7 Sleigh. 9 Helps. 11 Cheat. 15 Old Irish. 17 Trap. 18 Propel. 19 Cancel correction. 22 The first garden. 24 Organ. 26 Chum. 28 North-east. *Answer next week*



FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

ANTS AND APHIDS. "Here's an ant up a tree," called Ann to her brother.

For several minutes they watched the ant scurrying to and fro over the leaves.

"Look, there's another, and another—why, there are lots of them!" exclaimed Don.

"They were probably after aphids," explained Farmer Gray.

"What are aphids?" demanded Ann.

"Plant lice," the farmer replied.

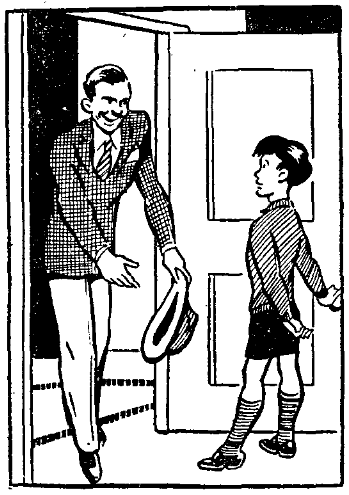
"Like green-fly?" suggested Don.

"Exactly; greenfly, or aphis, is one of the best-known species," agreed the farmer.

"But what do ants want with aphids?" asked Ann.

"Certain species exude honey-dew," Farmer Gray answered. "The ants know this and are able to coax it from them."

RODDY



"I don't think I'd better shake hands with you, Uncle. Daddy says you're a proper live wire!"

Riddle in rhyme

MY first resembles ebony,
My next is worn upon the head;
My whole's a bird whose mellow song
Rivals the nightingale's, 'tis said.

Answer next week

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Riddle in rhyme. Fieldfare.
Chain Quiz. Tuba, Balzac, Acre, Renfrew.
Men of Middlesex. Gray, Moss, Brown, Warr.
Hidden places. Torquay.

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